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[*on the report of the Fifth Committee (A/53/522/Add.3)*]

53/12. Support account for peacekeeping operations

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The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolutions 45/258 of 3 May 1991, 47/218 A of 23 December 1992, 48/226 A of 23 December 1993, 48/226 B of 5 April 1994, 48/226 C of 29 July 1994, 49/250 of 20 July 1995, 50/11 of 2 November 1995, 50/221 A of 11 April 1996, 50/221 B of 7 June 1996, 51/226 of 3 April 1997, 51/239 A of 17 June 1997, 51/239 B and 51/243 of 15 September 1997, 52/220 of 22 December 1997, 52/234 and 52/248 of 26 June 1998, 53/12 A of 26 October 1998 and 53/208 B of 18 December 1998, and its decisions 48/489 of 8 July 1994, 49/469 of 23 December 1994 and 50/473 of 23 December 1995,

Having considered the reports of the Secretary-General on the support account for peacekeeping operations[2] and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[3]

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[1] Consequently, resolution 53/12, in section VI of the *Official Records of the General Assembly, Fifty-third Session, Supplement No. 49* (A/53/49), vol. I, becomes resolution 53/12 A.

[2] A/53/854 and Add.1.

[3] A/53/901.

Reaffirming the need to continue to improve the administrative and financial management of peacekeeping operations,

Recognizing the need for adequate support during all phases of peacekeeping operations, including the liquidation and termination phases,

1. *Takes note* of the reports of the Secretary-General on the support account for peacekeeping operations, in particular the performance report on the use of support account resources for the period from 1 July 1997 to 30 June 1998;[4]

2. *Also takes note* of the observations and recommendations contained in the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions;[3]

3. *Notes* the initial efforts made in the implementation of the request contained in paragraph 7 of its resolution 51/239 A and paragraph 14 of its resolution 52/248, and requests the Secretary-General to ensure full compliance with the provisions of the present resolution;

4. *Also notes* that the backstopping activities for peacekeeping operations require ongoing reviews which should take into account the overall evolution of peacekeeping trends;

5. *Requests* the Secretary-General to reflect the issues related to this analysis in his annual report on the support account;

6. *Also requests* the Secretary-General to continue his efforts to avoid duplication, overlap and fragmentation in all departments involved in the backstopping of peacekeeping operations;

7. *Concurs* with the recommendations of the Advisory Committee contained in paragraphs 3 and 4 of its report;[3]

8. *Notes* the improvement in the format and content of the reports of the Secretary-General on the support account, and requests him to make further improvements in accordance with resolution 51/239 A and the related reports of the Advisory Committee;[5]

9. *Requests* the Secretary-General to adopt a standard format for support account reports in accordance with resolution 53/208 B;

10. *Invites* the Advisory Committee to submit its reports in accordance with paragraph 12 of resolution 53/208 B;

11. *Affirms* the need for adequate funding for the backstopping of peacekeeping operations;

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[4] A/53/854.

[5] A/53/895 and A/53/901.

12. *Reaffirms* that the expenses of the Organization, including the backstopping of peacekeeping operations, shall be borne by Member States and, to that effect, that the Secretary-General should request adequate funding to maintain the capacity of the Department of Peacekeeping Operations of the Secretariat;

13. *Stresses* that the Secretary-General should continue to submit annually comprehensive proposals on the total requirement for human and financial resources from all sources of funding for all departments involved in the backstopping of peacekeeping operations;

14. *Notes* the observations of the Advisory Committee contained in paragraph 28 of its report,[3] and requests the Secretary-General to ensure that the delegation of authority to field missions is in accordance with the Charter of the United Nations, the regulations and rules of the Organization and the relevant resolutions of the General Assembly;

15. *Notes with concern* the reduction in the level of resources for the Training Unit, which may affect the capacity of the Unit to perform its important functions in the backstopping of peacekeeping operations;

16. *Requests* the Secretary-General to examine further the requirements of the Training Unit and to include the results of that review in the next support account budget proposal with a view to enhancing the training function of the Department of Peacekeeping Operations;

17. *Emphasizes* the need for the coordination of the internal and external audits of the Department of Peacekeeping Operations and the peacekeeping missions, with a view to avoiding duplication and overlap;

18. *Decides* to maintain for the period from 1 July 1999 to 30 June 2000 the funding mechanism for the support account used in the current period, from 1 July 1998 to 30 June 1999, as provisionally approved in paragraph 3 of its resolution 50/221 B;

19. *Approves* four hundred support account-funded temporary posts for the period from 1 July 1999 to 30 June 2000;

20. *Regrets* that a comprehensive review of a rapidly deployable mission headquarters, as requested in paragraph 7 of its resolution 53/12 A, has not been carried out, and requests the Secretary-General to make the comprehensive review available before the report on the support account for the period from 1 July 2000 to 30 June 2001 is submitted;

21. *Requests* the Secretary-General to ensure that the necessary military and civilian police expertise in the Department of Peacekeeping Operations is maintained;

22. *Endorses* the recommendation contained in paragraph 24 of the report of the Advisory Committee[3] that the six additional posts for the rapidly deployable mission headquarters be accommodated through redeployment within the existing support account establishment throughout the Secretariat;

23. *Decides* to monitor closely the functions and activities to be performed by the rapidly deployable mission headquarters, in particular its functions related to other structures in the Secretariat, and to revert to the issue in the context of future reports of the Secretary-General on the support account;

24. *Approves* the support account post and non-post requirements for the period from 1 July 1999 to 30 June 2000 in the amount of 34,887,100 United States dollars;

25. *Decides* to apply the unencumbered balance of 3,865,800 dollars for the period from 1 July 1997 to 30 June 1998 to the resources required for the period from 1 July 1999 to 30 June 2000 and to appropriate the balance of 31,021,300 dollars, to be prorated among the individual active peacekeeping operation budgets, to meet the financing requirements of the support account for the period from 1 July 1999 to 30 June 2000;

26. *Decides also* to delete paragraph 24 of the report of the Secretary-General on the support account for peacekeeping operations,[6] and requests the issuance of a corrigendum to that effect.

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[6] A/53/854/Add.1.